

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

JANUARY 19, 2016

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Bridges led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, and Makayla Herbert, Student Advisor, answered roll call. Council members Brad Berkemeier and Brian Sheehan were not present. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: Bridges made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. The new literacy program will be named "The Open Book".
2. We will be contacting the Emerson office in Sydney, Ohio to discuss the request we received on tax abatement.
3. Met with the county to discuss a co-location within the jail for the police and sheriff departments. We informed them that we are not interested.
4. There will be a Stellar meeting tomorrow.
5. There will be a public meeting on the 16th Street drainage on 21st.
6. I will be meeting on Friday with the Greensburg and New Castle Mayors regarding Highway 3.
7. There will be a BEP meeting on the 25th.
8. There will be a town hall meeting on the 25th at the Park Restaurant.
9. On the 27th there will be a community Stellar meeting at Fort Ben.
10. On the 27th the Riverside Park committee will make their announcement of the bands for 2016.
11. There will be a Brownfield meeting on the 29th.
12. The Drainage Board will hear the Flatrock pond request to make a legal drain on February 8th.
13. A maintenance template for vehicles was given to Councilman Bridges for review.
14. Planning – Bryant Niehoff began his employment on January 4th. His assistant will begin January 21st.

15. The Board of Works gave permission for Newhouse to contact DNR to negotiate rails to trails properties.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT – None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT – None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Band announcement will be made on the 27th.

We should get prices tomorrow on the pavilion so we can place our order.
- **Marketing** – Nothing.
- **APC/BZA** – Discussed.
- **City Center** – Received a schedule from the engineers and will share with Council.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – Will be meeting with the engineers on the 25th.
- **Brownfield Grant** – There will be a Brownfield kickoff meeting for the public on January 29th at the Council Chambers at 3:00 p.m.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker handed out 2015 statistics reports.

He said the Board of Works accepted the resignation of Officer Horton. His last day will be January 22nd.

Street – Street Commissioner Miller said they will be taking down the old restroom south of the football field in South Veterans Park later this week.

Park – Park Director Gurley reported that approximately 23 people attended the public meeting on the Park Master Plan.

The remodel at Booker T has been completed.

Lifeguard interviews have been completed. The other positions will be conducted after the 27th.

Gurley has been discussing pool lockers with Rita Kaster. Those will be taken out due to not being used very much and also they have had thefts. They are looking into a basket system to be kept behind the front counter.

They have also been informed that the company that fills the acid tanks at the pool will not fill the tanks any longer because they are too high up. The fumes have also have caused damage. Gurley is talking to consultants to find a better option.

Approximately 15 employees attended the first open gym on 11th. The next open gym will be January 25th at 8:00 p.m.

The Valentines dance will be February 5th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at BRMS. We are partnering with Rush County United Fund. There will be a \$3.00 charge and all proceeds will go to the United Fund.

The last snow provided a test run for removing snow downtown with the 4 wheeler. Gurley plans to see if any improvements can be made with the snow coming in tomorrow.

Waiting on a date from Bowles Construction to put in the new plumbing.

Attended a Park conference last week.

Animal – Warden Moran said the intake for 2015 was 651 animals and 69 were euthanized.

Fire – Chief Jenkins said Rech has been approved by Perf and will begin employment January 23.

The Durbin apartments were assessed today.

Holman will begin demolition Monday on the 1st set of BEP properties.

BEP Phase II was awarded to Robinson Paving.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Waggoner Pool** – Waiting on a date from Bowles Construction to upgrade the plumbing. It may not take place until early spring.
2. **Food and Beverage Tax** – Mayor Pavey attended the County Council meeting. They approved to adopt the Food & Beverage tax. Pavey will get wording from Saunders and will forward that to council. Smith suggested that we get a program in place to ensure that the citizens that are being helped with their education with this money are committed to staying in our community. Council agreed this would be a good idea.
3. **Attorney Contract** – Mayor Pavey and Councilman Berkemeier are working on the wording.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2016-4 Amended Salary Ordinance** – Conner made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-4. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Ordinance 2016-5 LOIT Non-Reverting Fund** – Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-5. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Ordinance 2016-6 APC/BZA Non-Reverting Fund** – Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-6. Smith seconded the motion.

CLAIMS: Conner made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Conner made a motion to adjourn. Bridges seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.